

Florence Township Council Regular Session 10/17/18

Florence, New Jersey
October 17, 2018

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Ostrander at 8:00 PM. Council President Ostrander led the Salute to the Flag. A Moment of Silence was observed at this time for the recent passing of former Mayor George Sampson.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Trenton Times for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 4, 2018. Notice was advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 10, 2018.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Jerry Sandusky, Dave Woolston, Paul Ostrander

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator, Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE – Officer Korey Linico

Mayor Wilkie said tonight is one of the happy occasions when the township gets the opportunity to add to the police force. This gentleman's background is deep in law enforcement. He made it through the Police Academy and through the Officer's Training. He has passed the rigor of many hours of work and review. He has earned the right to become a Police Officer for Florence Township.

At this time he called Korey Linico forward. His wife, Emily, held the Bible as Mayor Wilkie administered the oath.

Chief Brian Boldizar thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support and for allowing the department to hire Officer Linico. This helps the department to keep up with the growth of the town and implement some different programs that the department was able to do this year, including the K-9 Program and the School Resource Officer Program. Without the hiring of additional officers, these would not have been possible. He was speaking to someone before the meeting and asked the person, if they were twenty-five now, in these times, would they want to be a police officer. The answer was no way. That goes towards Korey's character and the fact that these days the police are sometimes seen in a bad light through the press and he wants to come into this and do the right thing by the community. It speaks volumes about Korey. The department wishes him a good career and a very prosperous future.

Officer Linico said it is an honor to serve the community where he grew up. He has wanted to be an officer for many years and he is glad to be serving in Florence. It is a great department. He appreciated everyone coming out this evening to support him. He thanked everyone.

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Mayor Wilkie said while the Police Department was gathered here, he would like to thank them. This past week was Fire Prevention Week and the officers were very involved and worked with the Fire Department for the Open House and also participated in the blessing of the first responders and vehicles. They do many things above and beyond and he wanted to thank them.

At this time there was a short recess.

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the following minutes. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

- Township Council Closed Session – October 10, 2018
- Township Council Closed Session – September 19, 2018 and October 3, 2018

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Municipal Court Administrator's Monthly Report for September 2018, the Chief Financial Officer's Cash Report and Budget Report for September 2018 and the Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report and Water & Sewer Report for September 2018. Voice vote – all ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston, Ostrander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

APPLICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Ostrander opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-235 Memorialize Membership and Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-236
Authorize Purchase of a Backhoe Loader for the
Water and Sewer Department Through
Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-237
Release Maintenance Bond for
Water and Sewer Bonds
Legacy at Meadowcroft

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-238
Approve Request for Performance Bond Release
Liberty Venture I, LP – Phases 1 & 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-239
Approve Request for Performance Bond Release
Liberty Venture I, LP – Phase 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-240
Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a
Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of the
Township of Florence, County of Burlington,
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
Chapter 159, P.L. 1948

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution No. 2018-235 through 2018-240.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston, Ostrander

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
VARIOUS PARCELS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY IN THE VACINITY
OF THE INTERSECTION OF FLORENCE-COLUMBUS ROAD AND ROUTE 130,
APPROPRIATING \$3,500,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$3,500,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME

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Council President Ostrander said this ordinance was being postponed until December 5, 2018. Hopefully by then the plans from the DOT will be available for review and the township will know exactly what properties would be impacted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-26
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134, SCHEDULE XIX OF THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO AMEND THE SPEED LIMIT
ON RAILROAD AVENUE BETWEEN DELAWARE AVENUE
AND CEDAR LANE
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi, to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2018-26. All ayes.

Mayor Wilkie said this will reduce the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 MPH based on the study that was done. It is on Railroad Avenue from Delaware Avenue to Cedar Lane.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing. All ayes.

It was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-23.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston, Ostrander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-27
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF
CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 11/07/18)**

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2018-27 and set the public hearing and adoption for November 7, 2018.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston, Ostrander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 114,
“PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” SECTION 114-23, SUBSECTIONS D AND E
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
BURLINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 11/07/18)**

Mayor Wilkie said at the last meeting a veteran was there and asked to be able to operate his hot dog cart. The Township Solicitor created this amendment to the ordinance so the township can move forward from there.

It was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2018-28 and set the public hearing and adoption for November 7, 2018.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston, Ostrander

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said that sadly, former Mayor Sampson passed away recently. He spoke to his wife earlier and she shared that the services will be Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Koschek & Porter Funeral Home and there will be another viewing Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. until the church service at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Assumption. George's lifetime was spent serving others. He was very involved in the American Legion and in 1991 he had the honor of being the National Vice Commander. He continued his service to others through Boys State and was always doing something. In the eighties he started the community concerts and made sure there were funds for the parks. It is very sad that he has passed. He was also instrumental in the creation of Veteran's Park and honoring Veterans on Veteran's Day.

Traditionally, Post 194 holds a Veteran's Day Service at 11:00am at Broad and Front Streets. They are still finalizing their plans. He believes there will again be two services this year; the township service will be held at 11:30 a.m. The plans should be finalized within the next week. He will keep everyone informed. Post 194 has also extended an invitation after the services for refreshments at the Post.

The Fire House had its annual Open House this past weekend. There was a very large crowd. There was also the Blessing of the First Responders and their vehicles. It was also well-attended. There was good representation especially from the police officers, with their families.

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Mayor Wilkie said he heard today from JET, that made its home in Florence Township for the last couple of years. The facility will be closing and about forty people will be losing their jobs.

Next week is Red Ribbon Week at Roebling School. The ribbon cutting will be at 8:30 a.m. He invited anyone to attend.

One business will be leaving, but there are a couple new businesses in town. Doggie Land is holding a grand opening on October 27th at 11:30 a.m. He invited Council to join him for the ribbon cutting. The former Johnny's Gym is going to be a dance studio. The grand opening is planned for November 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Municipal Administrator

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said roads in the Road Program are finally getting paved. Schisler Drive was paved for the first time since 1969. The contractor is milling and moving to Burcliff Street and McCay Drive. McCay has been milled and about one third of it is paved. They will move on to Wallace Avenue when they are done in that area. The work at Wallace Avenue turned out nicely. It was a good job. The avenues in Roebling will not be opened up yet. They are too narrow and the township can't have disruptions that are continuous. He hopes Monday or Tuesday the milling on the avenues will start and the contractor would start laying asphalt immediately. The goal is to be done by next Friday.

He said as improvements are done in the community there are always questions and sidewalk issues. The township does sidewalks constantly in residential areas. Now the township is addressing the sidewalk in the business district on Broad Street. A number of years ago the same thing was done at the business district on Front Street. The new sidewalks are being installed this week. The contractor did find a couple problems in that area with regard to some of the tree roots and it caused a slight delay. It will be a really nice project when it is done. The business owners and the customers have been very accommodating. There haven't been any complaints so far.

Division of Law

Old Business

New Business

Board of Health

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Council President Ostrander opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Sandusky to close the public comments. All ayes.

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ADJOURNMENT

8:22 PM MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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